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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

The total production of titanium ingot for 1982 was 53.1 million pounds. This represented a 43-percent decrease from 92.5 million pounds produced in 1981. Consumption of titanium ingot decreased 37-percent from 87.2 million pounds in 1981 to 55.2 million pounds in 1982. Net shipments of titanium mill products decreased by 28-percent from 51.0

million pounds in 1981 to 36.6 million pounds in 1982. Castings shipments decreased 20 percent from 521.0 thousand pounds in 1981 to 419.0 million pounds in 1982. The statistics in this publication are based on a survey of manufacturers and represent total U.S. shipments of titanium ingot mill products and castings. Estimates are included for companies whose reports were not received in time for tabulation. A more complete description of this survey appears on page 5.

Table 1A. TITANIUM INGOT PRODUCTION, RECEIPTS, SHIPMENTS, CONSUMPTION, AND ENDING INVENTORIES: 1982

(Quantities in thousands of pounds)

Month and year	Production	Receipts	Shipments	Consumption	Ending inventories
Total ¹	53,072	8,670	8,492	55,161	(X)
January	6,452	955	1,363	6,222	6,523
Pebruary	6,505	1,252	973	6,202	6,686
March	6,858	1.071	867	7,320	6,552
April	5,001	806	769	5,204	6,40
May	3,610	670	456	4,480	3,994
June	4,017	588	653	4,631	5,41
July	3,284	542	528	3,118	5,634
August	3,877	589	466	3,676	5,88
September	3,392	498	846	3,407	5,57
October	3,598	534	671	3,829	5,38
November	3,444	532	595	4,058	4,70
December	3,034	633	305	3,014	5,06

See footnotes at the end of table 1B.

Table 1B. TITANIUM INGOT PRODUCTION, RECEIPTS, SHIPMENTS, CONSUMPTION, AND ENDING INVENTORIES: 1981

(Quentities in thousands of nounds)

Month and year	Production	Receipts	Shipments	Consumption	Ending inventories	
Total ¹	92,471	24,155	20,352	87,184	(X)	
January	8,056	2,113	1,550	8,892	3,779	
February	7,202	1,901	1,696	6,740	4,753	
March	8,304	1,935	2,277	8,261	3,584	
April	8.798	1,920	2,151	7,609	4,879	
May	7,493	2,016	1.774	6,729	5,268	
June	7,478	1,943	1,769	7,088	4,616	
July	6,712	1,745	1,712	4,480	4,021	
August	8,409	1,470	1,135	8,940	4,972	
September	8,208	2,536	1,980	7,686	5,580	
October	8,029	2,937	1,945	7,855	6,577	
November	6,245	1,882	1,303	6,043	6,412	
December	7.537	1,757	1.060	6,861	7,184	

(X) Not applicable.

¹Total inventory figures are those shown for December.

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Teble 2A. TITANIUM WILL PRODUCTS AND CASTINGS: 1982

(Quantities in thousands of pounds)

Product	Total	January	February	March	April				_				
Fronct	10181	January	rebruary	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Mill producte:			}										
Production	37,221	4,475	4,185	4.361	3,209	3,084	3,188	2,433	2,339	2,877	2,357	2,347	2,366
Sheet and atrip		(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)		(1)			
Plate	J '			1 ' '				(-)	(1)	(,	(1)	(1)	(1)
Forging and extrusion billet	19,243	2,493	2,332	2,444	1,632	1,703	1,787	1,246	1,087	1,383	1,129	1.041	966
Rod and bar Fastoner stock and wire	4,100	443	416	312	440	423	228	274	341	359	329	208	327
Extrusions (other than tubing)	588) "	72	82	67	64	60	24	23	67	14	19	19
Pipe and tubing	113,290	11,462	11,365	11,523	11.070	1694	12.113	1889	1888	1			
Other	17,270	1,402	1,303	1,323	1,070	-694	-1,113	-889	-888	11,068	1685	11,079	11,054
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Receipts	4,789	825	830	704	353	357	387	144	162	379	307	177	164
Sheet and strip	L (2)	(1)	(2)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)		
Plate	J , ,	, ,						١ ' ا	(-)	(-)	1 (,)	(1)	(1)
Perging and extrusion billet	4,303	740	744	643	320	321	345	129	146	340	275	157	143
Rod and bar Fastener stock and wire	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Extrusions (other than tubing)	L -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pipe and tubing	1486	185	186	161	133	136	142	115	116	139	132	120	121
Other		1 0	"	٠.	- 33	- 30	142	-13	-10	-39	-32	-20	-21
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Net sbipmente2	36,562	3,655	3,458	4,454	3,436	2,946	3,166	2,382	2,342	2.994	2,359	2,501	2,869
Sheet and etrip	B (4)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	
Plate	V :::						' '						(1)
Forging and extrusion billet	18,185	F1,707	F1,753	F2,302	1,910	r1,541	1,622		1,099	1,329	1,110	r _{1,221}	1,369
Pastener stock and wire	551	r ₉₂	F69	F82	273	249 rs3	F52	273 29	322 r ₃₀	359 F71	310	181	333
Extrusions (other than tubing)		74	07	04	-/3	-53	- 52	29	-30	-/1	(3)	(3)	(3)
Pipe and tubing	113,660	r 11,244	r 11.219	11.626	11,140	11,103	11,139	1858	1891	11.235	1 2939	1 11.099	11,167
Other		1,144	1,	1,020	1,140	1,103	1,137	""	- 871	-1,233	939	1,099	-1,16/
Castings:	1	i	1					1			1		
Production*	797	77	83	90	69	59	64	61	60	36	52	72	74
Shipments	521	43	55	59	54	45	39	35	35	36	43	40	37

See footnotes at the end of table 2B.

Table 2B. TITANIUM INGOT, MILL PRODUCTS, AND CASTING: 1981

(Quantitites in thousand of pounds)													
Product	Total	January	February	March	April	Нау	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Mill producte:													
Production	58,924	3,898	5,384	5,422	5,191	5,517	4,810	4,896	4,748	5,167	5,116	4,287	4,488
Sheet and strip	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Forging and extrusion billet.	31.148	1,566	2,994	2,913	2,432	3,026	2,155	2,846	2,615	2,865	2,873	2,282	2,581
Rod and bar	8,053	866	744	745	776	789	722	2,846	566	635	512	645	2,581
Fastener stock and wire	1,024	159	142	130	89	80	777	355	70	1 %	47	62	64
Extrusions (other than tubing)		1 257	1	130	,		'''		,,,	l "	J 7	1 02	۰,
Pipe and tubing	18,699	11,307	11,504	11,634	11,894	11.622	11.856	11.446	11.497	11.618	11.684	11,298	11,339
Other		.,	-,	.,	-,	-,	-,	-,	1	-,	1,	.,	-,
Receipts	9,083	792	849	868	413	882	677	802	840	631	720	847	762
Sheet and etrip	J. (1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Plate	י ע												
Forging and extrusion billet.	7,916	689	742	745	325	782	546	706	742	540	626	793	680
Rod and bar	-	[1 :	-	-	-	-	-	-	_	-
Extrusions (other than tubing)		-	-	-	-	-	-	-		_		_	-
Pipe and tubing	11,167	1103	1107	1123	188	1100	1131	196	198	191	194	156	182
Other	1,10	103	107	1	"		131	~	1 ~		- ~	_ ~	
Net sbipments2	50,985	3,678	4,444	4,916	5,130	4,477	4,804	3,745	3,833	4,619	4,322	3,278	3,739
Sheet and strip	3 (1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(4)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Plate	11					٠, ١						1	
Forging and extrusion billet.	23,904	r _{1,258}	r2,178	F2,417		r2,114	r2,264	r1,793	r1,912	F2,296	r1,990	r1,410	F1,904
Rod and bar	7,857	840	686	724	772	789	730 F109	539 F68	492 190	635 r ₅₅	522 F59	632	F78
Pastener stock and wire	1,216	F164	r ₁₅₂	r ₁₆₁	F98	*96	-109	-68	-90	- 23	1 .34	800	-/*
Extrusions (other than tubing)	11,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	r _{1.416}	r1.428	r _{1,614}	r1.892	r _{1,478}	F1.701	r _{1,345}	r _{1,339}	r _{1.633}	r1.751	r1.150	r1,261
Pipe and tubing	۳۰,۰۰۰	1,416	-1,428	1,614	-1,092	1,4/0	-1,701	1,345	1,339	1,633	1,751	2,130	1,201
Captings:											1		
Production4	674	51	45	51	55	53	65	66	59	60	44	49	76
Shipments	419		29	35	27	37	38	38	33	33	32	37	42
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FRevised by 5 percent or more from previously published figures. - Represents zero.

Data for sheet and strip, plate, extrusions (other than tubing), and pipe and tubing have been combined to avoid disclosing inidividual company

^{&#}x27;Stats for sacet and strip, place, extraction, values and values of the same facture of fabricated products, less total receipts.

Jets ator fastener stock and vire is included with extrusions, pipe and tubing and other to avoid disclosing individual company data.

Ancludes gross edight of castings before machining.

		(Thousand	s of pour	nds)					
	Manufac- turers' net	Expo	rts of deerchandis	omestic el 2	Percent exports to manu-	Import consumpt		Apparent	Percent inports to
Month and year	shipments	Quantity	Value st	Estimated producers	facturers'	Quantity	Value ⁵	Sumption ⁶	apparent consumption
	(quantity)	4440.000	port	value ³	shipments (quantity)	quantity	varue-	(quantity)	(quantity)
TOTAL									
Total Titanium ingot and forging and extrusion billet, Titanium mill products	45,054 26,677 18,377	7,200 4,392 2,808	100,606 60,239 40,367	97,901 58,618 39,283	16 16 15	426	22,269 3,976 18,293	40,020 22,711 17,309	5 2 10
DECEMBER					1				
Total. Titanium ingot and forging and extrusion billet?. Titanium mill products NOVEMBER	r3,174 r1,674 1,500	290 221 69	4,267 2,927 1,340	4,152 2,848 1,304	9 13 5	107 1 106	873 4 869	2,991 1,454 1,537	(Z) 7
Total	F3,096	609	7,638	7,432	20	110	1,056	2 507	١.
Titanium ingot and forging and extrusion billet,	r1,816 1,280	403 206	4,558 3,080	4,435 2,997	22 22 16	1 109	1,056	2,597 1,414 1,183	(Z) 9
OCTOBER									
Total Titacium ingot and forging and extrusion billet ² . Titanium mill products	3,030 1,781 1,249	387 137 250	5,094 2,175 2,919	4,957 2,116 2,841	13 8 20	109 12 97	1,265 194 1,071	2,752 1,656 1,096	1
SEPTEMBER			1				1		
Total Titanium ingot and forging and extrusion billet. Titanium mill products	3,840 2,175 1,665	525 162 363	6,329 2,556 3,773	6,159 2,487 3,672	14 7 22	304 9 295	3,057 101 2,956	3,619 2,022 1,597	8 (Z) 18
AUGUST				}					
Total Titanium ingot and forging and extrusion billet, Titanium mill products	2,808 1,565 1,243	900 482 418	9,985 6,022 3,963	9,716 5,860 3,856	32 31 34	188 59 129	1,964 505 1,459	2,096 1,142 954	9 5 14
JULY									
Total	2,910 1,750 1,160	413 224 189	5,603 2,731 2,872	5,453 2,658 2,795	14 13 16	211 3 208	1,875 37 1,838	2,708 1,529 1,179	8 (Z) 18
JUNE	l						İ		
Total. Titanium ingot and forgiog and extrusion billet'. Titanium mill products.	3,819 2,275 1,544	565 492 73	7,144 5,496 1,648	6,952 5,348 1,604	15 22 5	103 70 33	842 437 405	3,357 1,853 1,504	3 4 2
MAY									
Total. Titacium ingot and iorging and extrusion billet. Titanium mill products.	3,402 1,997 1,405	666 439 227	13,077 9,165 3,912	12,725 8,918 3,807	20 22 16	329 106 223	3,285 1,011 2,274	3,065 1,664 1,401	11 6 16
APRIL							1		
Total. Titanium ingot and forging and extrusion billet 7. Titanium mill products	4,205 2,679 1,526	537 376 161	7,845 5,066 2,779	7,634 4,930 2,704	13 14 11	191 71 120	2,097 538 1,559	3,859 2,374 1,485	5 3 8
MARCE	1]	
Total Titanium ingot and forging and extrusion billet, Titanium mill products	5,321 3,169 2,152	591 366 225	9,570 5,586 3,984	9,313 5,436 3,877	11 12 10	222 39 183	2,726 584 2,142	4,952 2,842 2,110	4 1 9
FEBRUARY								ļ	
Total. Titanium ingot and forging and extrusion billet, Titanium mill products	4,431 2,726 1,705	734 433 301	11,456 6,037 5,419	11,148 5,875 5,273	17 16 18	187 25 162	1,911 194 1,717	3,874 2,318 1,556	5 11 10
JANUARY									
Total	r5,018 r3,070 1,948	983 657 326	12,598 7,920 4,678	12,259 7,707 4,552	20 21 17	105 30 75	1,318 366 952	4,140 2,443 1,697	3 12 4
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- Reve table 5 for comparison of Standard chanterial Classification (SIC) codes, Schedule 8 export codes, and TRUSA import codes.

- Sources Review or the Common report 17-410, U.S. Exports—Schedule 1-commontly by Counter,

- These values were derived by use of adjustment Tactors for exclined freight, Insulatance, and other charged incurred in moving goods to the port of export. This adjustment is made to convert the values to an approximation of the producers' value of exported goods. Current adjustment factors are based on data for 1981 which are published in Origin of Exports of Nammacruming Establishments, 1881(26)-5, appeared, Comparable adjustment factors for earlier years are based on similar factors developed for 1971 and 1972. The current adjustment factor for this report is 0,9721,

- Sources: Revenue of the Comman server in U.S.Y. U.S. [Apports for Community and General Import of the State plus U.S. import duties and other charges to the adjustment printing.

Apparent consamption is derived by subtracting exports from the total of net shipments plus imports.

Comparability of output, export, and import classifications for inget and billet assume that bloom, sheet bar, and slab are reported as ingot on billet in the output codes. Pigures for imports of import and billet also include powder, crystal, and similar forms which are excluded from the output and export codes.

		(1	Thousands o	of pounds)					
	Magufac- turors' net	turers' net merchandise'		Percent ex- ports to manufacturers'	Import consumpt		Apparent consump-	Percent imports to apparent	
Month and year	shipments1 (quantity)	Quantity ²	Value at port 2	Estimated producers' value ³	net ship- ments (quentity)	Quantity	Value ³	tion ⁴ (quantity)	consumption (quentity)
TOTAL									
Total Titanium ingot and forging and extrusion	r71,337	12,098	159,454	155,165	17	2,719	27,234	61,959	4
billet,	r _{44,256} 27,081	8,405 3,693	105,647 53,807	102,805 52,360	19 14	488 2,231	5,221 22,013	36,341 25,618	1
OECEMBER	2.,,007	3,033	35,007	32,500	· ·	2,251	22,013	23,618	,
Total	r4,799	957	14,087	13,708	20	119	1,264	3,961	3
Titanium ingot and forging and extrucion billet	r2,964	778	10,842	10,550	26	40	382	2,226	2
Titanium mill producte	1,835	179	3,245	3,158	10	79	882	1,735	5
Total	r _{4,581}	1,581	17,756	17,278	35	339	3,484	3,339	10
Titanium ingot and forging and extrusion billet'	r _{2,713}	828	10,335	10,057	31	132	1,007	2,017	7
Titanium mill products	1,868	753	7,421	7,221	40	207	2,477	1,322	16
OCTOBER			i						
Total	r6,267 r3,935	805 628	11,876 9,072	11,557 8,828	13	208	1,536	5,670	4
billet7 Titanium mill products	2,332	177	2,804	2,729	8	200	1,421	3,315 2,355	(z) 8
SEPTEMBER Total	6,599	914	11,591	11,280	14	140	1,509	5,825	,
Titanium isgot and forging and extrusion billet	4,276	586	8,004	7,789	14	4	78	3,694	(z)
Titanium mill products	2,323	328	3,587	3,491	14	136	1,431	2,131	6
Total	4,968	969	10,443	10,162	19	423	3,664	4,422	9
Titanium ingot and forging and extrusion billet7	3,047	763 206	7,335	7,138	25 11	87	756	2,371	3
Titanium mill producte	1,921	206	3,108	3,024	"	336	2,908	2,051	17
Total Titanium ingot and forging and extrusion	5,457	1,012	14,214	13,831	19	206	2,273	4,651	4
billet ⁷	r _{3,505} 1,952	726 286	10,100	9,828 4,003	21 15	53 153	598 1,675	2,832 1,819	2 8
JUNE									
Total Titanium ingot and forging and extrusion	6,573	895	13,424	13,063	14	167	2,197	5,845	3
billet7 Titanium mill products	4,033 2,540	626 269	8,269 5,155	8,047 5,016	16 11	21 146	285 1,912	3,428 2,417	1 6
MAY Total	r _{6,251}	973	15,356	14,943	16	258	2,684	5,536	4
Titanium ingot and forging and extrusion billet7	r3,888	772	10,754	10,465	20	86	1,087	3,202	2
Titanium mill products	2,363	201	4,602	4,478	9	172	1,597	2,334	7
Total	7,281	978	14,423	14,035	13	247	1,462	6,550	4
Titanium ingot and forging and extrucion billet'	4,519	714	9,378	9,126	16	12 235	204	3,817	(Z)
Titanium mill products	2,762	264	5,045	4,909	10	233	1,258	2,733	,
Total	7,193	927	11,764	11,448	13	330	4,239	6,596	5
billet.	°4,694 2,499	757 170	7,882 3,882	7,670 3,778	16 7	14 316	244 3,995	3,951 2,645	(Z) 12
FEBRUARY			.,						
Total	r6,140	1,216	13,560	13,195	20	172	1,451	5,096	3
billet' Titanium mill producte	r3,874 2,266	726 490	7,376 6,184	7,177 6,018	19 22	9 163	1,320	3,157 1,939	(Z) 8
JANUARY Total	F5,228	870	10,969	10,674	17	110	1,471	4,468	2
Titanium ingot and forging and extrusion billet?	r2,808	500	6,310	6,140	18	23	334	2,331	1
Titanium mill products *Revised by 5 percent or more from previous	2,420	370	4,659	4,534	15	87	1,137	2,137	4

Revised by 5 percent or more from previously published figures. (Z) Less than one-half of 1 percent.

¹ See table 5 for comparison of Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes, Schedule B export codes, and TSUSA import codes.

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Source: Durroun of the Creams report Ff-400, U.S. Exports-schedule B-comparisity D/Country.

These values were derived by use of adjustment factors to exclude freight, issurrance, and other charges incurred in moving goods to the port of copyort. Dis adjustment is made to convert the values to as approximation of the producers' volue of exported goods. Current adjustment factors for values to as appropriated in Origin of Exports. Brightnessets, BOIACO-6, appendix B. Comparable adjustment factors for carlier paras are based on similar fectors developed for 1913 and 1912. The current adjustment factors for its report is 0.9931.

Source: Extract of the Consum report IN 15-5x, U.S. imports for Consumption and Conserval Exports.

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DESCRIPTION OF SURVEY

Scope of Survey—This survey covers companies engaged in producing titanium ingot, mill products, and castings.

Survey Methodology—The statistics in this publication are collected by mail on Bureau of the Census monthly Form ITA-991, Titanium Metal. The panel for this survey includes all known producers of titanium ingot, mill products, and castings, approximately 30 companies.

Survey Error—Figures for the current month include estimates for panel members for which reports were not received in time for tabulation. Such missing figures are "imputed" based on month-to-month movements shown by reporting firms. Imputation generally is limited to a maximum of 10 percent for any one data cell. Figures with imputation rates greater than 10 percent are footnoted.

The imputation rate is not an explicit indicator of the potential error in published figures due to nonresponse because the actual monthly movements for nonrespondents may or may not closely agree with the imputed movements. The probable range of difference between the actual and imputed figures is not precisely known but is assumed to be small. The degree of uncertainty regarding the accuracy of the published data increase as the percentage of imputation increases. Figures with imputation rates above 10 percent should be used with caution.

Revision to Previous Period Data—Data may be revised as the result of corrected figures received from respondents or other corrections. Figures which have been revised by more than 5 percent from previously published figures are indicated by footnotes.

EXPLANATION OF TERMS

Gross Shipments of Mill Products—Represents mill shapes between producers plus mill shapes consumed in the production of fabricated products such as forgings.

Net Shipments of Mill Products—Represents gross shipments less receipts. For detail categories, net shipments also includes consumption in the manufacture of other mill shapes.

COMPARISON OF EXPORT, IMPORT, AND DOMESTIC OUTPUT DATA

The Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) system used for domestic output and the statistical export and import commodity classifications were developed independently and are based on somewhat differing systems of classification. This results in considerable difficulty in comparing the three types of data for many commodity areas. The domestic output classification is based on type of industry; on the other hand, the export and import classification system is more materials oriented. Aside from the differences in the basic commodity classifications, there are additional problems involving import

data, since there are a substantial number of imported commodities which are not produced in the United States or which are produced only in very small quantities and which, therefore, have no comparable domestic output classification. The relationships shown in this report should be considered only as approximations, since, in addition to the problems mentioned above, there are also the following problems affecting the comparability of the three sets of data.

Valuation—There are different methods of valuation for the three types of data:

Domestic Output—Valued at the point of production. It includes the net sales price, f.o.b. plant, after discounts and allowances, exclusive of freight charges and excise taxes.

Exports—Valued at the point of exportation. It includes the selling price, or cost if not sold, and inland freight, insurance, and other charges to the export point.

Estimated producers' values of exports have also been developed. These values more closely approximate the values reported for domestic output because they exclude freight, insurance, and other charges applied from the producing plant to the export point.

Imports—Valued at the first port of entry in the United States. It includes c.i.f. (cost, insurance, and freight), duty, and other charges to the import point.

Duplication in Quantity and Value of Output—Because producers' shipments of some commodities may be used as materials for incorporation into other commodities, combinations of data for such commodities may contain a certain amount of duplication. Thus, percentages of exports to output or imports to apparent consumption (output plus imports minus exports) at four-digit or broader levels may be understated. Where duplication is known to be substantial, the output data are appropriately noted in the table.

Estimated Low-Valued Export and Import Transactions—The import statistics include estimated value data for shipments valued under \$251. Effective August 1982, value data for shipments valued under \$251 are estimated from factors based on the ratios of under \$251 are estimated from factors based on the ratios of under \$251 shipments to individual country totals. Prior to August 1982, estimates were based on a 1-percent sample of documents for shipments valued under \$251. Effective with the statistics for March 1979, the lower limit of the value ranges for estimating data for low-value export shipments was raised from \$251 to \$501. Effective July 1981, the statistics for countries other than Canada reflect fully compiled data for shipments valued over \$500. Prior to July 1981, these data were fully compiled only for shipments valued \$51,000 and over, while shipments valued \$501 to \$999 were estimated, based on a 50-percent sample.

Manufacturers' Shipments, Not Specified by Kind—The value of manufacturers' shipments at the four-digit industry level often includes a small amount which is not distributed among the individual five-digit product classes. Export and import percentages at the more detailed levels might, therefore, be slightly overstated.

Time Lag Between Output and Exports—There will be a lag between the time a commodity is produced or shipped by the producer and the time it is actually exported, especially when intermediaries (wholesalers, exporters, etc.) are involved. Ordinarily, this type of discrepancy is insignificant in annual floures.

"Direct" vs "Total" Commodity Exports and Imports— Export and import data do not include materials which are incorporated into other more finished products and exported or imported in finished form. Thus, by showing only direct exports and imports, the relation of exports to output and imports to apparent consumption for intermediate products is considerably understated.

Used Commodities—With a few exceptions, used or rebuilt commodities are classified in the same import or export codes as is new merchandise. Percentages are thus overstated to the extent that used or rebuilt products are significant in trade.

Geographic Area of Coverage—Import and export data reflect the movement of merchandise into and out of U.S. foreign trade zones, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the U.S. customs territory (includes the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico).

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